हुए भी बहुत ही बहादुरी तथा संयम से काम करती रही हैं। वे ऐसे आतंकवादियों के खिलाफ कार्रवाई कर रही हैं जिन्हें सीमा पार से प्रशिक्षण करके और बहुत से शस्त्रास्त्र देकर भेजा जा रहा है तथा जो निर्दोष नागरिकों की आड़ लेते हैं।

हमारी सशस्त्र सेनाएं पूर्णतः प्रशिक्षित और अत्यधिक अनुशासनप्रिय सेना के रूप में प्रसिद्ध हैं। अनुकम्पा, नैतिकता अथवा मानवाधिकारों और मानवीय मानकों को लागू करने के लिए उन्हें किसी से कोई उपदेश लेने की जरूरत नहीं है।"

Attacks on Trains by Ultras

237. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of attacks on trains by Ultras in the country during May-June, 1991 and the details of loss of life and property on this count; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to check such attacks on trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Fire incidents in J.J. Colonies in Delhi

238. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fire incidents in J.J. Colonies in Delhi during the year 1990-91; and

(b) the steps taken to prevent such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) 197.

(b) For creating awareness amongst the residents of Jhuggi-Jhopri colonies in regard to fire safety, the Delhi Fire Service have distributed pamphlets containing fire preventive instructions and have also carried out demonstrations. There are 26 fire stations in the Union territory. Action has been initiated to set up 9 more fire stations.

Attack by terrorists on trains in Punjab

239. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorists attacked passengers of two trains in Punjab and killed a large number of them in the night of June 16, 1991;

(b) if so, the details of the incidents and the number of passengers killed;

(c) whether Government have paid/approved payment of any compensation so the victims' families;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken to curb terrorism in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) According to the available information, some terrorists fired on the passenger train No. 6 LP near Railway Station Badowal on Ludhiana-Ferozepur section killing 50 passengers including one constable and PHG volunteer of train escort party on June 15, 1991. The same day a group of terrorists fired on another passenger train No. 6 LJ at Rly.

Station Qila Raipur on Ludhiana-Takhal section killing 25 passengers.

(c) to (e) Details in this regard are awaited from the Government of Punjab.

(f) The security agencies are vigilant and have been taking appropriate, timely action to deal with terrorism.

Sanctioning of Telephone Connections

240. SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA:
SHRI S. S. ALUWALIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone connections sanctioned out of quota/discretionary quota respectively from 1st December, 1990 to 20th June, 1991;

(b) whether it is a fact that rules were flouted while santioning the said connections;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some complaints have been received about phone connections sanctioned/issued on the forged signatures;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(e) whether Government propose to cancell all the said sanctions if so, the details thereof and number of connections likely to be cancelled; and

(f) if not, whether Government have made arrangements for sufficient infrastructure and staff for providing telephone connections?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Number of out of turn telephone connections sanctioned from 1st December, 1990 to 30th June, 1991 is 21980.

(b) These telephones were sanctioned under discretionary powers.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) to (f) Discrepancies in sanction orders were noticed by the field units. An Investigation by Vigilance Department has been ordered and is in progress. Further action will be taken after receipt of Vigilance Report.

Committee on Pension to Freedom Fighters of Old Hyderabad State

241. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a committee has been set up to look into the pending cases of Pension relating to the freedom fighters in Telangana region of old Hyderabad State;

(b) whether the Committee has since submitted its report;

(c) if so, what are the salient features thereof; and

(d) whether the report has been scrutinised by Government and if so, the decision, if any, taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) The Special Screening Committee initially constituted on 5-10-1983 to screen/scrutinise applications from the persons belonging to the erstwhile Nizam State of Hyderabad was reconstituted on 30-8-1990 to consider the pending applications.